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From the Division of Data Policy Management and Research
Kentucky Department of Education

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Summer Release Schedule:

The release of version 9.0 of STI products is scheduled for **June 19th**. These updated products include new KDE requirements and improved functionality. Below is a list of the products and major modifications you can expect to see.

- **STIOffice**
  - FTE Attendance Calculations
  - Performance Based User Record
  - New State Course Codes
  - Additional LEP identifiers "IFEP", "RFEP"
  - Gifted record printing option
  - Non-disclosure indicator to use when a parent does not want a student's information given non-educational persons or agencies, such as military recruiters.
  - Additional Title I data requirements
  - ATC/CTC school selection will be added to the TEDS user record
  - ESS User Record will be changing

- **STIDistrict**
  - All TEDS data will be available to query
  - Attendance reports will reflect new FTE Attendance calculations
  - Additional information for performance based attendance credit to be added to ADA/ADM report
  - Updated exports based upon new requirements in STIOffice

- **STIHealth/STIDistrictHealth**
  - SSID to be included as the "ID to print" option on all filters and printable reports
  - New 'Health Alerts' button that will include Alerts; Health Conditions and Allergy data entry
  - 'Alert' checkbox to be added to each Allergy or Health Condition and if selected will write to Office, Classroom and District as a medical alert for student
  - 'Emergency Med' checkbox that would be activated if any of the following Health Conditions are selected from the drop down menus: Epilepsy; Seizures; Asthma

and Diabetes; if the 'Emergency Med' checkbox is selected it will display the Alert in all STI modules

- **STISets/DistrictSets**
  - The current process will automatically include the current active IEP and allow for addendums. Also will allow user to create a draft or new IEP from this process
  - Default will sort processes chronologically so that the most recent process is the first option for the user
  - The color of the text for the *'Case Manager'*, *'Eligible but Refuses Services'* and *'Date Eligible but Refused Services'* fields will be green. (This means these fields will be required.)
  - The LRE codes in STISets and District SETS will match new codes established as a result of the re-authorization of the IDEA
  - The Base Information Screen in the Student Folder has a field label and check box for *'Special Transportation'*. This will be a *'Green'* field similar to the *'Alternate Portfolio'* field and text box. Logic will be added that if *'Special Transportation'* is marked on the current/active IEP this field auto-populates
  - Exiting Report for Special Education is created from STIDistrict SETS. This report pulls data on student exiting from STIDistrict utilizing withdrawal codes and from District SETS using Returned to Regular Ed and Aged Out

- **STIDistrict Enrollment/State Enrollment**
  - Improved search capabilities, less dependent on local student number.

 # Future Enrollees

During the End of Year Training, attendees were given instructions on when and how to enroll students who would be coming to them in the upcoming school year. There were many puzzled faces in the crowd. We asked STI to prepare a simple reference sheet that directs you when to use which product and how to properly enter that student into your system. This reference sheet can be accessed from STI's support website at:
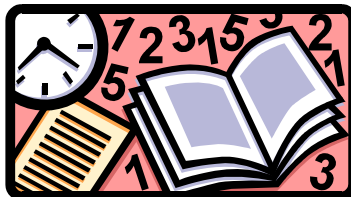
http://support.sti-k12.com/

STI End of Year Reporting

The school year will come to a close before you know it, so here's a little reminder of all the state reports required at the end of the school year. The following reports will be created from STIDistrict and submitted to KDE:

Report	Due Date	Submission Center	Contact
Calendar (Amended 2005-06 Year)	June 30th	Data.Reports@education.ky.gov	Michael.Speer@education.ky.gov
Calendar (2006-07 Year)	June 30th	Data.Reports@education.ky.gov	Michael.Speer@education.ky.gov
ESS (Regular)	June 30th	http://apps.kde.state.ky.us/ess/	Monica.Simpson@education.ky.gov
FRYSC	June 30th	http://apps.kde.state.ky.us/frysc/	Michael.Denney@ky.gov
KEES (Regular Graduates)	June 30th	www.kheaa.com	RGILPATRICK@kheaa.com
SAAR	June 30th	Finance.Reports@education.ky.gov	Karen.Wirth@education.ky.gov
Safe Schools	June 30th	http://apps.kde.state.ky.us/safeschools/	Libby.Taylor@education.ky.gov
Health Reports	June 30th	ftp://stihealth.kde.state.ky.us	Karen.Erwin@education.ky.gov

Listed above are report contacts that can address any questions of a programmatic nature. They will also be sending out reminders to district coordinators regarding the reporting requirements. These reports can be run at any time during the school year. In fact, running them now can give the schools more time to clean up any errors before staff leave for summer break.

STI Start of Year Trainings

For some, the school year hasn't come to a close, but we are already thinking ahead for next year. KDE and STI will once again offer trainings broken into sessions. There will be three meeting rooms with concurrent sessions, each geared to a specific product or topic.

Please note that no complimentary beverages will be available.

Day 1
STIOffice   8:00am - 4:00pm
(Preparing for the new school year including setups and changes on the 9.0 update of office.)
STIHealth   8:00am - 11:30am
(Covers the latest update, 9.0 with all enhancements that were added since 8.0.)
STISets   12:30pm - 4:00pm
(Covers the latest update, 9.0 with all enhancements that were added since 8.0.)
STIDistrict   8:00am - 12 noon
(Preparing for new year setups in district and the 9.0-update enhancements.)
STIDistrict Enrollment   1:30pm - 4:00pm
(Covers the State Enrollment features of STIDistrict Enrollment, including update enhancements.)

Day 2 (Repeat of Day 1)
STIOffice   8:00am - 4:00pm

STIHealth   8:00am - 11:30am

STISets   12:30pm - 4:00pm

STIDistrict   8:00am - 12 noon

STIDistrict Enrollment   1:30pm - 4:00pm

There are eight regional locations with your choice of attending **one** of two days held at each site.

Dates and Locations
- **June 26 and 27 - Kentucky Dam State Resort Park**
- **June 28 and 29 - Owensboro, Executive Inn Rivermont, One Executive Blvd.**
- **July 6 and 7 - Holiday Inn North, Lexington**
- **July 13 and 14 - University of Louisville**
- **July 17 and 18 - Cave City Convention Center**
- **July 19 and 20 - Hazard Community College**
- **July 24 and 25 - Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington**
- **July 26 and 27 - Morehead State University**

All meetings are local time. For more information and registration visit STI's website at www.sti-k12.com. Hurry, space is limited!

Socio Economic Status Indicator, AKA "Lunch Code"

With the implementation of STIState, KDE can create and submit state and federal reports with data from the state system. Many of these reports are linked to various state funding programs or federal grants and most all of these reports rely on the socio-economic status (SES) of the student population. For example, **SES data from STIState will be used to determine SEEK, E-Rate, Title program funding, and grant applications.**

A weekly validation report is sent to your DPP containing data errors including invalid data in the SES field. **It is imperative that your SES data is valid and accurate to ensure your district receives the appropriate funding.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of District Support Services, Division of Data Policy Management and Research, (502) 564-5279.

Kentucky's Student Information System (SIS) Request for Proposal - UPDATE

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet issued the revised Student Information System (SIS) Request for Proposal on April 18, 2006. Proposals are to be delivered to the Finance Cabinet by 4:30 p.m., June 5, 2006. To date, vendors have had the opportunity to submit written questions to the Cabinet and to attend the Vendors Conference on May 11, 2006, for an additional Q&A session. The SIS RFP, including the responses to these vendor questions, may be viewed at the following link:

https://eprocurement.ky.gov/PrintSolDocTemp//2006139155140.doc

KDE has identified a diverse team to evaluate the proposals and select a provider. The goal is to award a contract and begin work on implementation of the new system by July 1, 2006. KDE will continue to seek input from the stakeholder representatives as implementation plans are developed.
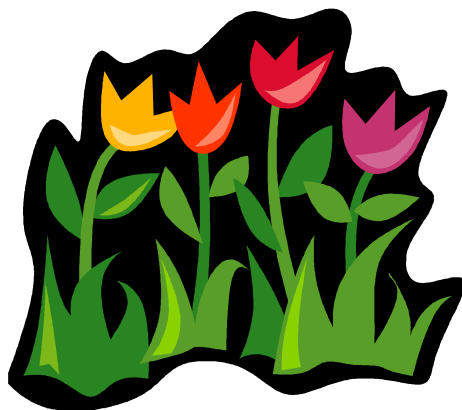
Location Number Request

If you need a location number for a new school, be sure to follow the guidelines listed in the Location for Number Request. You may access the document from the following link or by visiting www.education.ky.gov, then selecting Testing and Reporting from the left hand column, Data and Research, Data Requests, and finally Location Number Request.

http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Data+and+Research/Data+Requests/Location+Number+Request.htm

DPMR is Changing!!!

The Division of Data Policy Management and The Division of School Finance are merging. After many years of service to KDE, Susan Goins, the current Division Director for School Finance, is looking forward to a much-deserved retirement. This presented the opportunity to look at the way we are collecting both student and financial data and mesh these two talented divisions. This new division, yet to be named, will be led by Kay Kennedy, current Division Director for Data Policy Management and Research. A transition team formed with members of both divisions will look at the work of both divisions to help determine not only a new organizational structure but look at ways to improve the services we provide to schools and districts.

Spring is in the Air!